

Our Memorial Edition.

In presenting this Memorial edition of The News and Herald we are not unmindful of its imperfections and how far short it falls of paying the old soldiers the full tribute that they deserve. In connection with its publication some notes may not be without interest to our readers.

First of all should come the circumstances that suggested this undertaking, however feebly carried out. For several weeks in succession in the beginning of the present year, this paper contained a notice of the death of some veterans in Fairfield county. The writing of these weekly notices most deeply impressed upon us how fast the already small band of Confederate heroes was being thinned out. This led to the suggestion on our part to the Daughters of the John Bratton Chapter that they make special effort to make the Memorial Day of 1910 one long to be remembered by the old soldiers. This suggestion also had its voluntary reflex influence upon us as to what we could do ourselves to add something to help carry out the suggestion made to them.

In this connection, while planning something on our part, there happened two or three circumstances in quick succession that most deeply impressed upon us how little the average man knows of the old soldiers. More than once we were told by different parties that the number of veterans in Fairfield county had dwindled to less than 100. This led us to go to the bound volume of The News and Herald of 1906, when there was an award of crosses to about 180 veterans. With the aid of Clerk of Court Lyles we were at once able to check off 125 of these as living. Then we took the pension roll, from which we got some additional names. The names of a few who had crosses at the time of the award mentioned above were also recalled. The complete list was then made up with such additions as we could get from names being supplied by others who noted omissions in the published list.

Our front page is the work of Mr. Brantly Smith of Columbia, who has proven himself an illustrator and cartoonist of no mean ability, his work on The State having attracted most deservedly very wide attention.

We feel quite sure that every one to whom this issue goes will join most readily with us in the expression that he has done his part most creditably. However, we must not fail to return our thanks to Mr. F. H. McMaster of Columbia for the general suggestion that the privates as well as the officers should have a place in this prominent page and also to Mr. J. Q. Davis for the most happy suggestion that Mrs. Ladd, whose memory is so precious to the old soldiers, also have a place here.

As will be recalled by those who have been reading The News and Herald, the time for the holding of Memorial Day was at first fixed for May 10. However, we soon saw that it would be impossible for us to get up all the matter we wanted to present by that time. So we asked the John Bratton Chapter to postpone the day for two weeks. That accounts for Memorial Day being observed on May 24th this year. We appreciated most highly this consideration for us in our undertaking. And also we wish to express our most sincere thanks to the committee appointed from this Chapter for their suggestions to us and their valuable assistance in every way.

At first it was our intention to give only a brief note about each of these veterans. Then came the suggestion to us to use cuts of those who were willing to pay for them. At this juncture we presented our plans to the John Bratton Chapter. They most heartily endorsed our plans and offered every assis-

tance other than assuming any of the management of the proposed Memorial issue. It was at once perfectly clear that if we used only the cuts of those who were able and willing to pay for some flattering write-up of themselves or some departed friend, that we would have only a few cuts and would have failed in doing the one thing we wanted most—to give the privates a place in the picture. So we decided that we would send out a blank to every veteran, whose name we could get, and request a photo from each. This we did and the results have been very gratifying in the number and the fulness of the answers and also the large collection of photographs sent in. What we regret most, now that we undertook this heavy task, is that we were not able to be favored with a photograph of every living veteran in Fairfield county,—and the veterans from Fairfield now living elsewhere.

There was one feature of our undertaking that we had to drop and that was to try to get a full list of old veterans not now living in Fairfield county. We at once saw after sending out our first installment of letters that this would make our task too great. However, it is with the greatest pleasure that we present the notes of those who did let us hear from them.

It is certainly very tempting on this occasion after some six weeks thoroughly engrossed with all that pertains to the old soldiers to attempt some eulogy to this heroic band. But what's the use when we have presented in other columns such glorious tributes from Gen. Bratton, Dr. Grier and others. Their tributes are more beautiful than any we might add and it would be little short of presumption for us to try to add aught. We only have this to say; that no experience in our life has brought to us more of love and reverence for the old soldiers, nor have we ever before been so forcibly impressed with their great heroism after the war was over no less than on the battlefields. All honor to their memory and may their heroic deeds never fail to be an inspiration to those who come after them.

As so many have asked us in regard to the cost of getting out this Memorial issue of The News and Herald, we will simply state that we have printed full 1500 copies over and above all that will be required for use in our office here. We have fixed the price of these at 10 cents each. If every copy is taken at this price, the additional cost of getting out this issue over and above a regular issue would not be met in full. So, if we fail to dispose of these extra papers we have printed in anticipation of there being a demand for them, we will necessarily be the loser financially. If however, every copy is disposed of, we will be able to do even far more towards preserving the history of Fairfield County.

Revival Services and Quarterly Conference.

Revival service will be held in the Methodist church next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 5 P. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Saturday preaching will be at 11 A. M. followed by the second Quarterly Conference for the current year. Preaching Sunday 11 A. M. followed with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Presiding Elder, Rev. T. C. O'Dell, is expected to do the preaching during these services. The public is cordially invited to attend, and the members of the church are urged to be there.

D. Arthur Phillips, Pastor. May 23.

Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The Fairfield Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at the Fairfield Baptist church Saturday and Sunday May 28-29.

Another Veteran Passes Over the River.

Samel Crawford enlisted in Co. B, 7th S. C. Battalion Hagood Brigade 1861 and served throughout the War. He was a gallant soldier and a true citizen. He died May 17, 1910, age 80 years. He lived in the Horeb section of this county. His remains were interred in the cemetery of Union church.

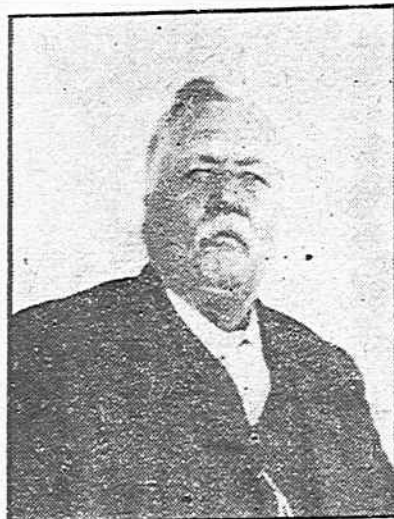
J. H. N.

Best grades cakes and crackers. S. E. Gwin & Co.

Corno Chicken feed for sale here. S. E. Gwin & Co.

JOHN PERCIVAL ABBOTT.

Born Dec. 19, 1842 in Richland County. Joined heavy Artillery, under Capt. A. J. Green. Transferred to Richland Rifles, Cap



Cadario. Color Guard at close of War. Wounded July 1862, near Trappier's Farm; also at Gettysburg July 18, 1863, and also at Petersburg on the Weldon Railroad.

CHARLES B. BLAIR.

Born April 6, 1840. Entered Army Jan. 1, 1861 in Monticello Guards under Capt. J. B. Davis. Promoted to Ensign of 15th Regiment. Position at close of War 1st Lieut., Co. E. Wounded in



the Second Battle of Manassas and Spottsylvania Court House. "I served from the first gun that was fired at Fort Sumter until the last one that was fired when Gen. R. E. Lee surrendered in Va. Was wounded twice during the War."

Richard V. Bray.

Born Feb. 10, 1846, near La-Grange, Ga. Entered Army Sept. 1862 in Company B, 2nd Ga. Cavalry, under Capt. John Grant. Was later transferred to the Infantry in the spring of 1864. Position at close of War adjutant of Regiment. Now farming.

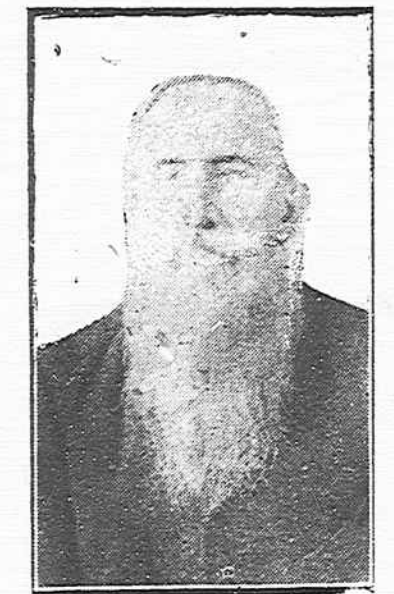
"There was nothing in my career, as a soldier, that one could call especially heroic. I will simply say that I did my duty, obeying every command that was given me, and on special service often taking the place of weaker men. The winter of 1863 was especially trying as it was a very cold winter. The Cavalry being the watch dogs of the Army, our time was filled up by our post duty, scouting, picketing and on the go generally."

George W. Free.

Born Oct. 14, 1834, near Monticello. Entered the Army in 1861, under Capt. J. B. Davis, and later was under Captains Coleman and Burley. Was wounded three times. Once on picket duty and also in the Second Battle of Manassas. Now living near Winnsboro.

Joe McMeekin.

Born Feb. 7, 1839, near Jenkinsville. Entered the Army August 1861 under Capt. Hayne



McMeekin. Was wounded at the battle of the wilderness.

Now farming and serving as weather prophet for his community.

William Alexander McDowell.

Born Sept. 30, 1838 in the Crooked Run Section of Fairfield County. Entered Army Sept. 5, 1861 in Means Light Infantry under Capt. R. Y. H. McMeekin. Was wounded at Petersburg April 2, 1865. Carpenter and contractor.

Richard N. McMaster.

Born Nov. 26, 1831, at Winnsboro. Attended Mt. Zion Institute. Entered the Army in April, 1861, in Company F, under Capt. John Beaty. After-



wards transferred to Cavalry service in Virginia under Hampton and Butler. Was sergeant in Capt. Macfie's Division at close of the war.

Was for many years on the police force of Winnsboro.

William T. Scott.

Born June 17, 1836 in Fairfield County. Entered the Army July 1862 in Company H, 5th Regiment, under Capt. William Stewart. Was wounded twice, at the first battle of Manassas and at the battle of the Wilderness. Now farming.

"On my way home just after the surrender I almost starved. I stole the only turkey hen a young woman had, and you know the balance."

Samuel Shirley.

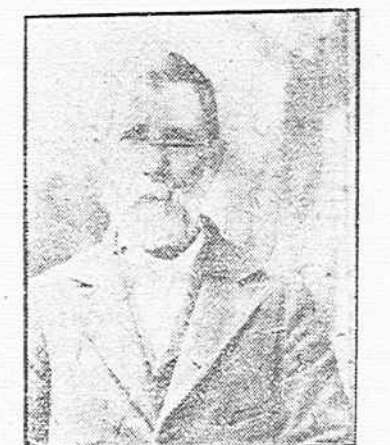
Born February 22, 1842, near Woodward. Entered the Army February 23, 1862 in Company H under Capt. J. H. Brooks. Was sick in Brigade Hospital at close of the War. Wounded at Drury's Bluff May 16, 1864. Now farming near Woodward.

Edward Taylor.

Born in Fairfield County. Entered Army in 1861 in Capt. Mike Brice's Company. Now farming near Ridgeway.

David W. Tidwell.

Born Aug. 24, 1838, at Longtown. Entered Army April 11, 1861 in Company E, under Capt.



John D. Kennedy. Was transferred from 6 to 7 battalion. Was wounded at Gettysburg. Now farming.

Henry H. Traylor.

Born May 10, 1834, in Pickens county. Entered Army May 9, 1863, in Company H, 6 S. C. Reg. under John Bratton. In Capt. Henry Dixon's Company. Afterwards transferred to Capt. Bob Clowney's Company. Was wounded at Petersburg.

John Madison Vaughn.

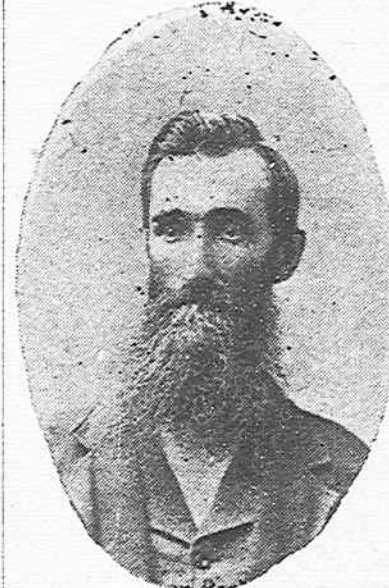
Born March 21, 1838, near Simpson. Entered the Army



April 11, 1861, in Company C, 12th Regt., under Capt. H. C. Davis. Was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House May 12, 1864. Assigned to conscript department until the close of the war. Now farming near Melson.

William J. L. Weir.

Born Dec. 12, 1842, near Blackstock. Entered Army in '61 in Company H, 6th Regt. Was



wounded at the second battle of Manassas.

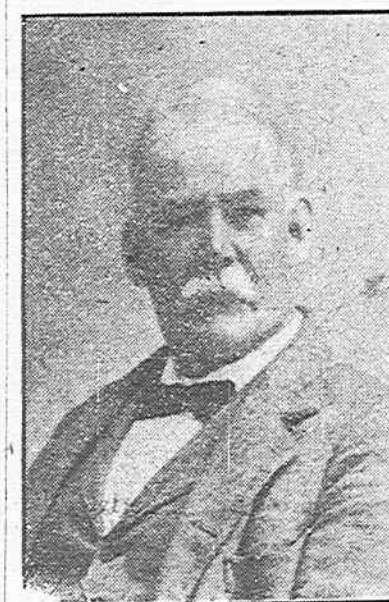
"I went out with the Sixth Regiment April 11, 1861. Surrendered with Gen. R. E. Lee at Appomattox Court House, April 9, '65."

David James Weir.

Born March 23, 1848 near Blackstock. Entered the Army in 1865 in Capt. Robertson's Company. Now farming near Ridgeway.

George A. White.

Born 1836 at Fortress Monroe, Va. Entered the Army April, 1862, in Company F, Harper Rifles, under Capt. D. B. Miller. Was Sergeant at close of the

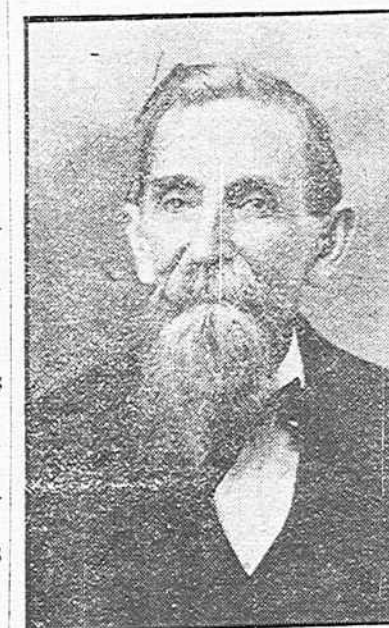


war. Was wounded at Gettysburg and Knoxville.

"Being a Virginian, I left South Carolina and joined a company from Portsmouth. It was disbanded, and the men went to work on the Merrimac. I along with the rest. After the fight with the Monitor, I left for Columbia, and joined the Harper Rifles."

S. G. Wilson.

Born March 25, 1847, in Fairfield county. Entered the Army May 7, 1864. Company E, S. C.



V., under Capt. P. P. Gaillard. Now merchandising, having recently moved here from Columbia.

Richard Shirley.

Born near Shelton. Entered Army in the spring of 1863 in Company B, Lucas Battalion, Heavy Artillery under Captains Pringle and Richardson. Wounded in right arm, below elbow in the spring of 1862. Farming.

"On one occasion at Fort Pennington, near Stone River. I was on ramparts over the Sally Port on sentinel Post No. 2, and it was as dark as 'Egypt'. The officer of the day was trying to slip through to catch me off guard, and would have done so, but as luck would have it, his sword struck the wall and I found him out. I yelled, 'Who

goes there?' 'Officer of the day.' 'Halt officer of the day.' Then I hollows for the Corporal of the Guard, and when the Corporal of the Guard came, I halted him. 'Who comes there?' 'Corporal of the Guard.' I answered, 'Advance, Corporal of Guard, and give countersign.' He did so, and I says: 'Take charge of the officer of the day,' and the officer of the day was pretty cool, I tell you, as it was cold weather."

far enough, the explosion burnt his face and neck. The imbedded powder will go with him to the grave. Once all his accoutrements were shot off, and he was not touched. Truly his was a charmed life.

"At last when the Confederates were overwhelmed (he has never admitted they were defeated) he returned penniless to his desolated home and took up the fight for existence. The next year in '66 a near neighbor, Miss Sarah Kilpatrick, consented to assist in this fight. Together they struggle through the trying days of Reconstruction, and the more pleasant ones of later years. Two sons and a daughter came to cheer them on their way. May glorious victory be their ultimate reward."

Robert William Phillips.

Born May 29, 1844 at Winnsboro. Entered Army 1861 in Company B, 7th S. C. Battalion, under Capt. J. H. Rion. 1st



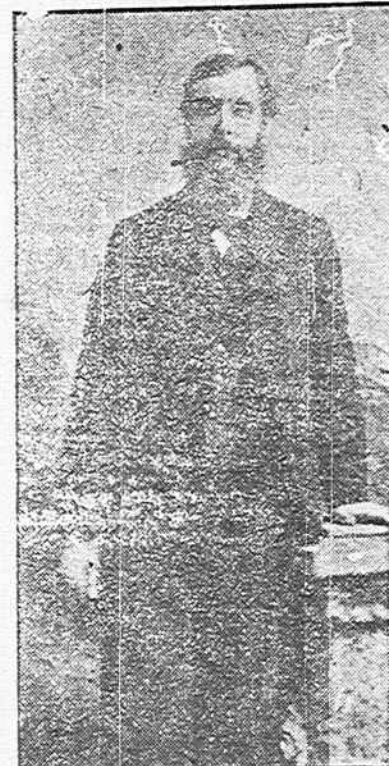
Sergeant at close of War. Wounded Aug. 29, 1864 at Drury's Bluff, and also at Bentonville.

Has been a successful furniture dealer; also conducts an undertaking business.

Lewis Sharp.

Born Oct. 21, 1842 in Orangeburg County. Entered Army April 11, 1861 in Company B First S. C. Regiment under Capt. D. A. Livingston. Afterwards transferred to 20th S. C. Cavalry. Now farming.

"We were ordered to Charleston on April 11, 1861, and remained around Charleston until June and then went to



Orangeburg in camp for instruction from there to Summerville, S. C., from there back to Charleston, and remained around Charleston for several months. Then we reorganized. I then joined the 20 S. C. Regiment with S. M. Ruff Captain. We still stayed around Charleston until May, 1864, when we were ordered to Virginia, and remained there until we were ordered back South to meet Sherman in 1865."

Alexander Smythe.

Born July 13, 1836, in Balamance county Ireland. Entered Army in 1861 in Company A, 18th S. C. I., under Capt. John McCormick. Was transferred to quartermaster's department on account of slip with rank of captain. Now wounded. Merchandising real estate.

"Prior to the war I was